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BURNHAM'S OPINIONS.

American Scout Is Inter-viewed in London.

IS WELL PLEASED WITH SITUATION.

Says Siege of Pretoria Will Be Long and Difficult.

Burnham Was With Cecil Rhodes and Knows all About Country—Was in Dawson Last Year—Is Resident of Skagway—Valuable Man.

London, Feb. 5.—The American scout, F. R. Burnham, now on his way back to South Africa, expressed considerable satisfaction at the news of the capture of Spionkop. He said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"It is evident that the Boer position is being shaken and I do not think it will be long business now to drive the Boers out of the Drakensburg. We shall then reach a rolling, open country, where there is a chance to display tactics and undertake flanking movements and cavalry operations. But the Boers are sure to make a most determined stand around Pretoria. It will not take long to reach the Boer capital, but the siege of Pretoria will be long and difficult."

Burnham sails for South Africa Saturday on board the Scot to take up his appointment on Field Marshal Lord Roberts' personal staff. He says Ingraham, another scout, leaves San Francisco forthwith to join him in South Africa.

(F. R. Burnham above referred to as the American scout was in Dawson last year and after leaving here sent for his family to meet him in Skagway where he owns valuable property. He was in South Africa with Cecil Rhodes and for valuable services rendered there was presented by the British government with 36 sections of land in the Transvaal country. He is about 38 years of age, of medium size and very rugged. He is probably the best man England could have secured for the great work he has undertaken.—ED.)

Territorial Court.

No business of importance was transacted in the territorial court this morning.

In the case of Peter Werlins vs. Joseph Vincent, the application for injunction was suspended until the Gold Commissioner rendered his decision in the action which is now pending in the commissioner's court, and in which the same parties and same property are involved.

The bearings on the motions in Robert vs. Frank and Durand vs. Grays were postponed till Friday.

Difficulty About Probst Benefit.

There is some difficulty concerning the entertainment which is to be given for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. About a week ago, Mr. C. W. Tennant and a few others arranged Sunday, February 25th as the

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time at which the concert should take place. Placards advertising the affair for that day have been posted around town, and Mr. Tennant asserts that the concert will be given then. Evidently Mr. Tennant and his friends have acted contrary to the wishes of Chief Stewart of the fire department; for this morning the Daily Nugget is in receipt of the following communication from the chief:

Dawson, Jan. 17th, 1900.
To the Editor of the Klondike Daily Nugget.

Dear Sir: In looking over the columns of your paper this evening I noticed that a benefit would be given for Mat Probst on January 25th in the Place Grand opera house. I beg to say that I have not made any arrangements to have the benefit given on that night. The committee of firemen which is properly in charge of this concert, has decided to hold the entertainment on Sunday, March 4th. Yours truly,
H. H. STEWART,
Chief of Dawson Fire Department.

PLUNDERED A SCHOONER.

Captain of Nikamarra Murdered and Ship's Cargo Stolen.

Tale From the South Seas That Revives the Days of Capt. Cook—Will Receive Punishment.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 31.—While the just arrived steamer Mowera was lying at dock in Sydney, December 23d, the inter-island steamer Moresby tied up alongside her with a terrible story of savagery, in which the Captain and crew of the schooner Nikamarra had been the victims. The tragedy occurred at the Admiralty islands, where the schooner had been trading. The Nikamarra was commanded by Captain Dalthe, whose grief stricken widow was among the Moresby's passengers back to Sydney.

The Nikamarra was owned by E. E. Forsythe and had left New Britain early in October on her trading cruise to the Admiraltys. On arrival there she was boarded by a number of the natives, with whom Captain Dalthe was unsuspectingly doing business, when he was set upon by his treacherous customers and killed, his fate being shared by the mate and six New Ireland natives, all of whom were cut and hacked with knives and tomahawks. The natives, of course then plundered the vessel taking, among other things, the ship's boat.

Nothing was known of the killing until some time afterwards, when Mr. Forsythe arrived on the scene with his other schooner, the Nagara. He was accompanied by Messrs Bullock and Doudney, and they, too, were set upon by the natives from ambush as the white men rowed shorewards using the rifles taken from the Nikamarra.

Bullock was badly wounded with a shot through the thighs, but the boat party regained the Nagara, which, with her gas engine, reached open water.

When the Moresby left New Britain the traders were preparing to go on a punitive expedition. The mate of the Nikamarra left a widow in Sydney; it was his first trip in the schooner.

Washington's Birthday.

On the anniversary of Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22d, a number of Americans have arranged to give an entertainment at the Palace Grand opera house of vocal and musical selections, rendered by professional and amateur talent, and of speeches appropriate to the occasion by prominent residents of Dawson. The entertainment is under the management of a

committee composed of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Leroy Tozier, J. L. Green, Edgar Misner, George Layfield, Eddie O'Brien and Mathison.

During the rendition of the program, the bar will be closed; and no smoking will be permitted. The profits derived from the affair will be subscribed to the Kipling fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Boer war.

Charles Olsen Dead.

Charles Olsen died last evening, while being conveyed in the stage from Grand Forks to Dawson. He had been sick for some time with paralysis and doctor at the Forks had advised him to enter one of the Dawson hospitals for treatment. He was unable to survive the journey. His remains were turned over to the N. W. M. P., who have engaged Johnson and Jenkins, the undertakers, to prepare the corpse for burial. Notice of the funeral will be given the public tomorrow.

FRIENDLY FOREIGN RELATIONS

Great Britain Has Nothing to Fear From Outside Nations.

Pro-Boer Meetings in the States Are Looked Upon as of Little Importance—Held for Effect.

London, Jan. 30.—From the English point of view, there is not a cloud in the sky of international relations. The war is far too engrossing to permit people to pause and consider the effect on Great Britain of the apparent change of regime in China, while congressional action on the Nicaragua canal or the proposed increase in the armament of the United States scarcely cause a ripple of interest.

The foreign office apparently has not the slightest belief that the Clayton Bulwer treaty is in danger of violation, and so far has taken no steps in the matter. Neither do the pro-Boer or other meetings in the United States any longer attract serious attention or comment, for the majority of the British have made up their minds that the United States is friendly to them, and they put aside any manifestations to the contrary as due to local political causes, which cannot be taken as in any way representing national opinion.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

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THREE INDIANS BURNED

In The Village at the Mouth of Moosehide.

DISASTROUS FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Which Was Occasioned by a Defective Stovepipe.

The Cabin Was Occupied by an Old Indian, His Wife and two Children—The Father and Children Were Burned to Death.

The monotonous routine of life in the Indian village situated where Moosehide creek flows in the Yukon river, was rudely disturbed last night by the occurrence of a very disastrous fire. The misfortune happened while the few inhabitants of the small village were asleep. It is not known exactly how the fire started, but it is supposed that it was occasioned by a defective stovepipe. The cabin in which the fire commenced, was occupied by an old Indian man and woman and two children. The logs were so dry in this structure that the old man and two children were unable to escape the flames. Evidently, they did not awake until it was too late to reach the small door located at one end of the cabin. The old woman was enabled to grope her way out, while her husband and two children were cremated. The flames spread and caught the little log houses situated on either side. Three cabins and their contents were completely destroyed. There is great lamentations in the village today, and the woman whom the fire bereft of husband and children is inconsolable.

Application for Water Right.

Allan R. Joy has applied to the mining recorder for authority to use and divert 200 inches of the water of Bonanza creek. Mr. Joy sets forth that it is his intention to take the water at claim No. 3 below discovery, carry or convey the same by the use of a force pump, to and upon Chechako Hill and then return the said water to Bonanza, after use at the same point, or a few feet higher up the creek than where the same is to be diverted. The grant for which Mr. Joy has applied will cover a period of ten years, and will give him the privilege of using or selling the water for mining purposes.

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